

A copy of this paragraph, marked up to show the amendment being made, is attached hereto as part of Attachment A.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 23, and 32 to read as follows:

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1. A video system comprising:

a screen for displaying visual information; and

said video system containing one or more templates, each template comprising a non-overlapping set of active regions of the screen, whereby when said templates are not activated, said visual information can be seen by a viewer, and when one of said templates is activated, said visual information can still be seen by said viewer.

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5. A video system comprising:

a screen for displaying visual information; and

a memory for storing information corresponding to a template, said template establishing a set of regions on the screen as active regions, whereby activating said template does not substantially prevent a viewer from viewing the visual information that was on said screen prior to activating said template.

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23. Method comprising:

displaying a first image on a display device, said display device being part of a display system; and

activating a first template over said first image, said first template comprising a set of active areas associated with links, whereby said links can be activated by selecting

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one of said active areas, and wherein said first image is visible both before and after said activating of said first template.

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32. A method comprising the steps of providing a visual image and template information to a display system, said template information comprising the location of active areas to be established on a display screen and links to be associated with said active areas, whereby said template can be made active or inactive without preventing access to said visual image.

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~~Please cancel claims 12, 13, 14 and 15.~~

~~Please add claims 41-61 as follows:~~

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41. System of claim 1 wherein activation of one of said templates does not substantially modify the image appearing on those portions of said screen outside of said non-overlapping set of active regions of the screen.

42. System of claim 1 wherein said video system contains a plurality of templates, said system comprising memory locations for storing the locations of the active regions

of said templates and memory locations for storing links associated with said active regions.

43. System of claim 1 wherein said active regions depict icons, alphanumeric information, thumbnail still images or video images.

44. System of claim 5 wherein activation of said template does not substantially modify the image appearing on those portions of the screen outside said active regions.

45. System of claim 44 wherein said active regions are depict icons, alphanumeric information, thumbnail still images or video images.

46. Method of claim 23 wherein activation of said first template does not substantially modify the image appearing on those portions of the display device outside said active areas.

47. System of claim 46 wherein said active areas depict icons, alphanumeric information, thumbnail still images or video images.

48. A video system comprising:
a screen for displaying visual information; and
said video system containing one or more templates, each template comprising a non-overlapping set of active regions of the screen, activation of said one or more

templates affecting substantially only said non-overlapping set of active regions of said screen.

49. System of claim 48 wherein when one of said one or more templates is active, said active regions are not visible to the user.

50. System of claim 48 wherein when one of said one or more templates is active, said active regions are visible to the user.

51. A video system comprising:
a screen for displaying visual information; and
a memory for storing information corresponding to a template, said template establishing a set of regions on the surface of said screen as active regions, whereby said template, when activated, substantially affects only said set of active regions of said screen.

52. System of claim 51 wherein when said template is active, said active regions are not visible to the user.

53. System of claim 51 wherein when said template is active, said active regions are visible to the user.

54. Method comprising:

displaying a first image on a display device, said display device being part of a display system; and

activating a template over said first image, said template comprising a set of active areas associated with links, said template affecting substantially only said set of active areas, whereby said links can be activated by selecting one of said active areas.

55. Method of claim 54 wherein when said template is activated, said active areas are not visible.

56. Method of claim 54 wherein when said template is activated, said active areas are visible.

57. A method comprising the steps of providing a visual image and template information to a display system, said template information comprising the location of active areas to be established on a display screen and links to be associated with said active areas, whereby said template affects substantially only said active areas.

58. Method of claim 57 wherein when said template is activated, said active areas are not visible.

59. Method of claim 57 wherein when said template is activated, said active areas are visible.